



THE MESSENGER

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A welcoming community of Christian disciples seeking to love and serve God and neighbor

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AND WE'RE OFF

My favorite season of the year has passed. I love Christmas. And I feel blessed to be able to see the excitement of Christmas through the eyes of our children. In our work together these past weeks, the children have learned about Advent...and waiting. They decorated our tree in the Children's Wing and made a Nativity scene out of Legos (which was not easy) and then waited some more. They prepared the candles for the Christmas Eve Service, they shared the story of Jesus's birth in their play, they learned about the Wiseman and Epiphany, and they even made their own church calendar to learn what seasons lie ahead.



And just like that, a new year of waiting has begun—another year of stories, celebrations, get togethers, church camps, and all those events that make up Brenthaven Church. Following is a list of many of those events with the dates. Maybe you can jot these events down on your new calendars. So as we take a deep breath and begin again, let me thank you for your help in making these events take place. We'll need your help again.

And we're off...

Cheryl



IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 14: KOK New Year's Kick-Off

Jan. 19–20: Step-UP Lock-In

Feb. 2: College Valentine Supplies Due

Feb. 7: Chili Cook-Off

Feb. 13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Feb. 14: Lenten Kick-Off/Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 21: Wednesday Night Special/Classes Begin

Feb. 24: Youth Sunday Practice

Feb. 25: Youth Sunday

Mar. 28: Maundy Thursday Service

Mar. 29: Good Friday/Tenebrae Service

Mar. 31: Easter Service/Egg Hunt

Apr. 5–7: Middle School Retreat/Crystal Springs

Apr. 10: Wednesday Night Wrap-Up Dinner

Apr. 12–14: Young Adult Retreat

Apr. 14: Children's Service

May 5: High School Graduate Recognition

Summer Activities

Jun. 2–7: Senior Synodic Camp

Jun. 8–15: Youth Mission Trip

Jun. 17–20: General Assembly

Jun. 24–27: Vacation Bible School

Jul. 7–12: CPYC

Jul. 7–12: Junior Camp

Jul. 14–19: Middle School Camp

Aug. 4: Backpack Blessing/Promotion

BOOKEND BOOK CLUB



The River We Remember by bestselling author William Kent Krueger is this month's selection for the **BookEnd Book Club**, meeting **Thursday, January 18th at 9:30 am** in the Adult Library.

On Memorial Day, as the people of Jewel, Minnesota gather to remember and honor the sacrifice of so many sons in the wars of the past, the body of wealthy landowner Jimmy Quinn is found floating in the Alabaster River. Investigation of the murder falls to Sheriff Brody Dern, a highly decorated war hero who still carries the physical and emotional scars from his military service. As suspicions and accusations mount and the town teeters on the edge of more violence, Dern struggles not only to find the truth of Quinn's murder but also put to rest the demons from his own past.

Both a complex, spellbinding mystery and a masterful portrait of midcentury American life, *The River We Remember* is an unflinching look at the wounds left by the wars we fight abroad and at home, a moving exploration of the ways in which we seek to heal, and a testament to the enduring power of the stories we tell about the places we call home.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please check your bookshelves for any children's or adult library books that need to be returned to the church. Please place returned books in their respective baskets in both libraries.



Also, if anyone is interested in volunteering to help catalogue or reshelve books in the library, please see Barbara Dial.

SOJOURNERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This coming **Sunday, January 14th**, we are beginning a 6–8 week study on **The Sermon on the Mount** by AJ Levine. Jan Marshall will be leading the study. If you would like your own copy of the text, it is available on Amazon for \$16.86 (there are also some used/like new options at a cheaper price). We hope you will join us!

His Mercies Are New
Every Morning!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Our next **CPWM** meeting is **Tuesday, January 23rd** at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall. We will be working on a project to help young women in third-world countries. If you would like to help with donations for this project, you can bring old towels to the church and place them in the CPWM bin in the narthex. We will accept donations through **Sunday, January 21st**.

LADIES WINTER LUNCH MEETINGS

Thank you to all of our fall hostesses for their work to get their groups together. We had 38 ladies gather and enjoy time and lunch together. We are beginning plans to set groups and hostesses for our winter lunch. If you would be available to host, please text me (Jeri Behan) at 615-604-8015. As a reminder, that job entails calling three ladies in your group and arranging a time and place of your choice to meet.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The **DMT** needs your help! We need donations of clean egg cartons. Please place them in the bin in the narthex marked *DMT donations*. Thank you!

TIME TO SEND SOME VALENTINE LOVE!

It's that time of the year to send some Valentine love to our young people away in college. *The Brenthaven Way* is to send a shoe box packed to the brim with candy, crackers, snacks, pencils, pens, Kleenex, Chapstick, more candy, socks, a toothbrush, and of course, more candy. And we do mean **PACKED!**

The Kids of the Kingdom will do their part in the packing and making Valentine cards and crafts to fill the special boxes. Your help is needed in donating delicious candy, food items, and other goodies, and then dropping them by the church by **Friday, February 2nd**.

If you prefer, you can give monetarily to help cover needed items or postage. Just drop a check in the mail, or go online to our Brenthaven.org page to the *Giving* section and you'll find a line item to donate to *Valentine Boxes*. We'll take care of the shopping. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Cheryl.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Charles Belew
Cheryl Morris

Members

Gladys Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Larry Ennenga, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Linda Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Wylene Nix, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Guy Sneed, Don Tabor, Cheryl Tabor, Julie Travis, Stan Wooten

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), Becky Brown (*friend of Becky Jones*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Betty Canupp (*mother of Betsy Canupp*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miab Faircloth*), Johnny Cunningham (*friend of Ford family*), Kevin Floyd (*son of Treva Floyd*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Shirley Jansma, Patti Jobe (*sister-in-law of Renee McCulley*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Martha Malloy (*mother of Joe Malloy*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Lukas Miscoe (*friend of Deborah Rolman*), Sherry Norton (*friend of Deborah Deaton*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Elwanda Roberts (*cousin of Cheryl Morris*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), James Talley, Garry Todd (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Wilma Wade (*sister of Kaye Holland*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), Sacred Sparks Ministry & St Luke Church, those serving our country

Deaths

Family of Sarah Bird (*aunt of Karen Benefield*)
Family of Bill Taylor (*former Brookhaven member*)



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Giff Jordan

Holly & Billie Bradley
Melissa Eckert
Joan & Gary Mattix
Kimberly McClure



The packages of 2024 Offering Envelopes are available on the Welcome Center and at the main entrance to the sanctuary for your convenience.

WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The church is nothing without each member sharing their gifts. Each gift is valuable. Brenthaven has many ministry opportunities, but those ministries can't happen without YOU! Many of you already give your time and share your gifts, but we are asking **everyone** of you to pray to see where God may be leading you to serve.

Where can your gifts best be utilized? We need lectors, ushers, greeters, communion stewards, acolytes, and maybe even help in the nursery. As we look ahead to this new year, please be in prayerful consideration as to what you can do to assist on Sundays for worship. We want everyone knowing that they are welcome and an important part of things here at Brenthaven!

☀️ CHECK IT OUT! ☀️

If you have an event, a recipe, a favorite book, or some special news you would like to share with us here in *The Messenger*, please reach out to me by phone or email and let me know about it (and don't forget the pictures). We have a "Spotlight" feature, but we also have a newer feature called "Check It Out!" But I need your help to gather the news, interesting finds, and all of the special things that others love to see and hear about. So be on the look out and email me with all the details at secretary@brenthaven.org. Or call the church office: (615) 373-4826.

Many thanks,
Karen



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHOOL : 9:30 A.M.
 SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 11** 11:00 AM Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Jan. 12–15** **MLK Youth Retreat**
- Jan. 14** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 4–6 PM KOK New Year Party *(Children’s Wing)*
- Jan. 15** 10:00 AM Young @ Heart *(Adult Library)*
- Jan. 17** 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal *(Choir Room)*
- Jan. 18** 9:30 AM BookEnd Book Club *(Adult Library)*
 11:00 AM Creative Crafts *(Adult Library)*
- Jan. 19** 5:00 PM Step-UP Lock-In
- Jan. 21** 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship
 12–5 PM Youth ROCKS Hike

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JANUARY 14

Second Sunday after the Epiphany (green)

- 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20);
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20;
- John 1:43-51

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 7

OPERATING BUDGET

Dedicated Giving	\$774.00
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	12,610.04
Weekly Need	10,822.00
Received Year-to-Date	19,409.04
Actual Spend Year-to-Date	11,267.89
Difference	8,141.15

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kip J. Rush, Senior Pastor
Sandra Shepherd, Assoc. Pastor of Christian Discipleship
Cheryl Morris, Children’s Ministry
Ean Taylor, Assoc. Pastor for Youth/Young Adult Ministry
Linda Pulley, Director of Music
Amity Marsh, Organist
Karen Benefield, Office Admin (secretary@brenthaven.org)

Session – The Elders

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Ben Gross	Fred Ford, Jr.	Jeri Behan
Bart King	Suzanne Ghianni	Jan Davidson
Julie Murphy	Mark Humphrey	Russ Deaton
Jonelle Summitt	Gwen Keiser	Joe Malloy